

# Wm. C. Linton, Founder Of The Chicago Whip, Dies

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## DR. PRINCE SEEKS DIVORCE

### WM. C. LINTON SUCCUBMS TO ILLNESS

Loses Heroic Fight  
Against Disease; Laid  
To Rest In Atlanta, Ga.

William C. Linton, founder and co-editor of the Chicago Whip, died early Sunday morning at a health resort in Asheville, N. C., where he had gone nearly a year ago to regain his failing health. He was 29 years of age. In the early spring of 1921 his health began to fail. Signs of his failing health alarmed his friends who urged him to drop his work at once and take a complete rest. He refused to leave his post of duty, however, and remained actively engaged in his work until a collapse struck him in mid-summer. He hung on to life with a tenacity that astonished physicians who long since gave up hope for his recovery.

Mr. Linton came to Chicago in 1917 after he had resigned from the Officers' Training Camp at Des Moines, Ia., refusing to accept what he termed a "Jim Crow" officer's commission in the United States Army, then engaged in the World war. He immediately became prominent in civic and political life, associating himself with Oscar DePriest in the organization of The People's Movement. He was also associated with R. W. Hunter in the Hunter banks. In 1919 he conceived the idea of founding an independent newspaper, unshackled by political or factional entanglements. So audacious and daring was the policy of the new paper that it immediately won recognition throughout the country, and became the recognized leader of the "new negro movement" which urged the awakening of racial consciousness. The editorial columns of the paper attracted immediate attention by the manner in which it clearly and fearlessly diagnosed the problems of the day, both local and national. At the last aldermanic election Mr. Linton was urged to run for office. His opponents, in apparent despair at the prospect of being unable to defeat him at the polls, caused his disqualification as a candidate by taking advantage of a technicality in the filing of his petition.

William C. Linton was born near Atlanta, Ga. He was the son of the Rev. T. J. Linton, a prominent minister and presiding elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He studied at Morris Brown University, Atlanta, Ga., and at Syracuse University, New York. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from Bethel A. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga. He is survived by his father, the Rev. T. J. Linton, a brother, and his wife, Mrs. Emerald Linton, of Chicago.

### Bankers' Creditors Jam Courtroom

BALTIMORE, MD., March 25.—Creditors of the bankrupt firm of Brown & Wingate jammed the United States District Court last week to find out how much of \$38,000 on deposit in the bank had been saved from the wreck. Banker T. T. Brown, who disappeared with the crash of the bank, was expected to appear in court but his creditors were disappointed, as he failed to appear. The books of the bank show liabilities of \$72,000. A trustee was appointed by the court and put under \$15,000 bond.

### Sheriff Held For Freeing Women

MONROE, LA., March 25.—Sheriff Grant is charged by District Attorney David I. Garrett with having released from jail Henrietta Spangler, charged with a statutory offense, after the woman had been convicted and sentenced to six months in prison. The sheriff admitted the charge, but said that he had no idea that he was committing any offense when he released her.

### Into the Great Beyond



WILLIAM C. LINTON

### Hoped Train Mystery In Would Hide Hanging At Wife's Murder Indianapolis

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 25.—When an Illinois Central belt line train ran over the body of a woman Sunday night at the crossing of Castledale Avenue, it seemed strange to the trainmen that the feet of the body were cold, even though they went back to the body immediately. It seemed so strange that they reported the case to Don Walton of the road's secret service. Monday Walton arrested the husband of the woman, Joe Neely, at his home on Rayburn boulevard. Now, officers state, Joe has clarified the entire situation with the statement that he carved the woman to death with a razor and then left the body there for the train to run over in the hope that that would be considered the cause of her death. The statement which Joe is said to have given out at the jail is to the effect that when he went home Sunday his wife was not there, but Joe happened to pick up and read a note from the center table of the note simply said, "I will meet you at the Castledale Avenue crossing tonight." Joe got a friend and went out to the old Magnolia Park section. He claims that there he saw his wife with a man and while his friends fired a few shots, he proceeded to cut the wife with his razor. When she was dead he put the body on the tracks. This, he stated, was some four hours before the next train passed along that track. Joe is charged with murder in the first degree.

### Ex-Slave Live To Age Of 122

MT. VERNON, ILL., March 25.—Mrs. Margaret Edmison, said to be 122 years of age. She was born at Richmond, Va.

### "50,000 Votes Price Of My Life"—Mays

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 25.—Gov. Taylor has been told that he will lose 50,000 votes if he saves me from the death chair. This was the startling declaration made by Maurice Mays just before he was electrocuted for the alleged murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey, white, in Knoxville in 1919. General James A. Fowler, counsel for the condemned man, informed him that all hope for executive clemency had faded shortly before dawn of the death day. Late in the afternoon of the day preceding his execution, Mays was led to the death house, where his head was clean shaven preparatory to administering the death shock. He was strong in his denunciation of the governor for refusing to grant a further stay after lawyers had declared that additional evidence had been discovered. General Fowler, his white lawyer, said: "My interest in behalf of Maurice Mays is due to my absolute belief in his innocence."

"I am as innocent as the sun that shines," said Mays and addressing the warden he stated: "You are not a murderer and I am not a murderer. Upon the advice of his spiritual advisors, Mays tore up a note that he had written earlier in the night, said to have been a denunciation of Gov. Taylor. His last written message was in the form of a toast as follows:

To My Friends Everywhere.  
"Friend of mine, I blindly reach,  
"Till again I touch your hand,  
"What we cannot put in speech,  
"Come to me, you understand,  
"Friend of mine, I fill the cup,  
"To the past of you and me,  
"Pledge it till we drink it up,  
"To the days that used to be.  
"Good-bye."  
(Signed) Maurice F. Mays,  
"Death House, State Prison, Nashville, Tenn., March 15, 1922."

Mays was charged with the murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey (white) in Knoxville, Tenn., August 30th, 1919.

### SOUTHERNER HURLS ANTI-LYNCH APPEAL INTO WASTE BASKET

MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 25.—An appeal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the support of the anti-lynching bill already passed by the national House of Representatives went into the waste basket in the office of Harwell G. Davis, attorney general of Alabama, Friday afternoon. The association sent Mr. Davis a memorial already prepared which it asked the attorney general to sign. This memorial called upon Congress to pass the anti-lynching bill and said the killing and burning alive of human beings by mobs in the United States is a reproach upon our country throughout the civilized world and threatens organized government in the nation.

### Bert Williams' Entire Estate To His Wife

NEW YORK CITY, March 25.—The entire estate of Bert Williams, which was filed in the Surrogate Court for probate, was left to his wife. The will is reported to have been drawn at the insistence of his friends only a month before his death. He is said to have signed it upon his death bed.

### Notify Daugherty Of Ku Klux Threat

DENVER, COLO., March 25.—Atty.-General Daugherty has been notified of a Ku Klux Klan threat against George W. Gross, of this city, who received a threatening letter because he filed a protest against the application made by the Klan for incorporation. Gross is president of the Denver branch, N. A. A. C. P.

### COLLECTION DIMS STUCK TO HIS HANDS

Treasurer With Sticky  
Fingers Held Under  
Bond For Embezzlement

Investigation into the manner in which he has handled the funds of Bethel A. M. E. Church led to the arrest of R. A. Jackson, 5308 Wabash Ave., late last week.

He was haled into Harrison Street Court Monday morning on a charge of embezzlement. Judge Fetzner of the Municipal Court continued the case to April 3, holding Jackson in \$5,000 bonds.

Jackson was taken into custody by Detective Armstrong after an inspection of his books by the Keystone Detective Agency revealed irregularities extending over a number of years. As treasurer of the church, Jackson was entrusted with the church's weekly collections. Entries are missing for many Sundays in a row, however, it is said.

On several occasions Jackson would withdraw money from the bank and then re-deposit it, in order to make the records show that he had made a deposit, say the investigators of the Keystone Agency.

A deficit of \$2,043.32 has been discovered so far. It is believed that the treasurer withheld several hundred dollars in addition, of which the church has no record.

Treasury Always Short.

It became an item of particular notice that no matter how large the collection, there was never enough in the treasury to pay off the church obligations. Certain members of the church went so far as to declare that they saw Jackson "copping coins" from the collection plate. The executive board also found that of \$1,400 raised at a particular rally, only \$500 ever reached the church treasury.

Frisk His Pockets.

On January 22nd two of the trustees are said to have noticed that Jackson slipped coin from the plates into his pocket. When he went into a side room to count the collection, the door was locked, and Treasurer Jackson was "frisked." \$1.80 in dimes poured from his inside pocket. The auditing committee includes Dr. A. J. Offord, R. H. McGavock and Dr. M. M. Dillard.

May Implicate Higher-Ups.

Investigators insist that Jackson could not have embezzled the amount of money he is charged with, without the connivance of other officials of the church. So far Jackson has refused to implicate others in his defalcation. It is rumored, however, that at the trial Jackson will make a clean breast of the affair, and name other officials of the church who shared with him the stolen funds.

### Gilpin Spurns Jim Crow Car, Takes Auto

WINCHESTER, VA., March 25.—When a Pennsylvania train left West Virginia and swung into the Jim Crow confines of Virginia, "the Old Dominion State," the conductor approached Charles Gilpin, star of Emperor Jones, and informed him that according to the law, he would have to retire to the "Jim Crow" coach.

Gilpin attempted to argue the question, but the conductor remained obdurate. Gilpin then refused to submit to humiliation, and left the train at Clearbrook, the first stop in Virginia. He chartered an automobile and completed the trip to Winchester. Gilpin was traveling with his company, which is producing the sensational drama, "Emperor Jones." When the controversy arose, the members of his company, all of whom are white, sided with Gilpin. Most of them left the train with him and completed the journey by automobile.

### "Come To Drive Me Off Land With Guns"

NEW YORK CITY, March 25.—Peonage flourishes in Arkansas, according to a letter received last week by the N. A. A. C. P. The association has made public a letter from an illiterate farmer who declares that farmers are compelled to work without being consulted about the amount of rent to be taken from their produce, or about supplies furnished them.

"Mr. — is promised to furnish us money," says the letter, "but he is done changed an furnishing coupon books to his croppers. Mr. — will just come out from town an write us out what he want us to have, never ask us what we want nor nothing so he ain't doing us right. I cleaned up a 40 (acre section) in the south half of 22, an the officers from Forest City come and drove me off of the land come with their pistols an made me move an had paid \$68 dollars down on the land an please take steps on this such things is what got the people stirred up—"

The Advancement Association announced that the letter would be called to the attention of the federal Department of Justice.

### MILLION KLUX VOW BULLOCK MUST RETURN

HICKORY, N. C., March 25.—Having been thwarted at every turn in efforts to bring Matthew Bullock back to lynch-ridden North Carolina through the orderly process of law, the Ku Klux Klan now openly announces its intention to kidnap the man and bring him back by force, irrespective of the laws of Canada.

Such was the substance of a lecture by Dr. Arthur T. Abernathy, white, of Asheville, lecturer for the Ku Klux Klan, in a speech made here last week.

Dr. Abernathy declared that 1,000,000 Klansmen from Maine to Texas had been pledged to see to it that Bullock is returned to North Carolina for trial. "And this will happen in the next 90 days," he added.

While Abernathy did not mention the name of the man he said was sought by authorities of this state, the audience understood him to refer to Matthew Bullock, wanted at North Carolina on a charge of attempted murder growing out of a race riot at that place about a year ago. Bullock was recently given his liberty by Judge Snyder at Hamilton, Ont., where he was arrested, when Governor Morrison refused to send witnesses to Canada to testify at his extradition hearing.

Dr. Abernathy had been discussing the efforts, he said, that the Ku Klux Klan were making to assist the officers in enforcing the law. He referred to a case in Asheville, in which he said a negro was sent to the road through the efforts of the Klan, an told of two white women being escorted out of that city by Klansmen.

It was near the close of his address that the speaker referred to the Canadian case. He did not mention what measure would be taken to have the negro brought back to North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 25.—"I know absolutely nothing about it and have no comment to make." This is all that Governor Morrison would say regarding the statement made by Dr. Arthur T. Abernathy at Hickory that 1,000,000 Klansmen were pledged to see that a man believed to be Matthew Bullock is brought back to North Carolina from Canada to stand trial on charges preferred against him in this state.

### WIFE SIPPED LOVE AS HE PREACHED

Pastor Names Municipal  
Court Clerk As Man  
Who Violated Home

A series of startling complaints has been made against his wife, Mrs. Katherine J. Prince, by the Rev. Boston J. Prince, formerly pastor of the Provident Baptist Church, Leavitt and Walnut Sts., in divorce proceedings filed early this week in the Cook County Superior Court.

Dr. Prince, who is one of the most prominent ministers in the city, recently resigned from the pastorate of the Provident Baptist Church at the request of the church board.

Names Court Clerk.

In his bill against Mrs. Prince, the pastor charges her with infidelity and improper relations with William Randolph Smith, 2339 Fulton St. Smith is a clerk in the Municipal Court of Chicago.

In the bill for divorce, Dr. Prince recites that "in all respects he demeaned himself as a kind and indulgent husband, and that on January 30, becoming acquainted with the facts on which he bases his plea for a divorce, he left his wife, and has refused to live and cohabit with her since that time."

"Utter Disregard of Obligation."

Dr. Prince charges Mrs. Prince with "utter disregard of her marriage duty and obligation in her relations with Smith." In addition to Smith, the minister charges Mrs. Prince with improper relations with many other men, whose names are unknown to him.

Uses Home as Rendezvous.

Injury was added to insult, recites the preacher, because the acts of infidelity occurred in the home of Dr. Prince, 215 N. Leavitt St.

He names March 22nd, 1921, as one date on which the offense occurred, while he was conducting services at his church. On July 26, 1921, Smith again visited Mrs. Prince at her home while her husband was in Idlewild, Mich., for his health. Again on January 30, 1922, the pastor charges that while he was conducting religious services at his church, Smith was making love to his wife in her home.

So completely had Smith overwhelmed Mrs. Prince, charges her husband, that she was often seen openly embracing and kissing him on the streets.

Dr. Prince is represented by Atty. John H. Randle, 2460 West Lake St.

### Bullet Ends 13 Years Of Married Life

After thirteen years of married life, Mrs. Caroline Hall took a pistol and snuffed out the life of her husband, Sam Hall, at their home, 737 E. 39th St., late Saturday night. Hall, who was a laborer, was forty years of age.

There were no witnesses to the slaying, and at the coroner's inquest, held Monday, at the undertaking parlors of Crook & Jones, Mrs. Hall refused to testify, preferring to face charges in court. She was held for indictment on a charge of manslaughter.

Neighbors about the vicinity of the home of the Halls testified that Hall and his wife quarrelled violently and often. An unconfirmed report indicated that the two were quarreling over the kind of meat for Sunday dinner. It was also charged that both Hall and his wife were drinking moonshine whiskey, and that Hall was intoxicated at the time he was shot. The bullet penetrated his brain.